and value the acquaintanceship of liege Lords of Indian States and preserve their communications as an invaluable treasure and rich booty to bequeath to my son and ~~succession~~ Successor as the finest heritage I have earned. I recite all these facts not with an air of self adulation but simply to lay before Your Highness that I am not entirely unworthy of Your Highness 's favour and patronage.

I am afraid it might have been misrepresented to Your Highness that I have lost my reputation after the unfortunate Delahay case in which my son was implicated. The truth of the tragic occurrence, the motive underlying therefor, the culprit or culprits really responsible I need not, I fear, indulge in a melancholy recital at so distant a time of about a decade and over an important judicial pronouncement. Suffice it, I think, for the present to submit that my son was very young and his youth and inexperience were exploited to the fullest

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To

His Highness the Maharajah of
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May it please Your Highness,

I beg to crave Your Highness pardon for penning this long letter over a matter involving issue of supreme gravity to me and which I really estimate it above everything save and except honour. I humbly wrote a letter to Your Highness in June last expressing my keen desire to attend the Silver Jubilee celebration of Your Highness and I am now given a reply by Your Highness's Private Secretary that it

not possible to entertain me. Then the only solution is I must eventually drop the idea once for all. But my mind does not allow the immediate acceptance of the course.

Pray I must not be misunderstood of making any protest but I beg ofcourse to give vent that I am deeply grieved at the letter and to attempt if possible against any possible misconception or misrepresentation. It is not my purpose that I must be entertained in the State. Of course numerous visitors of all grade rich and poor, invited and uninvited, from Your Highness's territory and from abroad will flock to Your Highness's capital to witness the happy function and I, as a humble admirer of Your Highness wished to be present in any capacity and

lay my humble respects and homage to the premier Exalted Ruler on that momentous occasion. I am no stranger to Your Highness. I was afforded the privilege of paying my respects to Your Highness for the first time at Madras about 15 years ago. Since then I have been cultivating Your Highness acquaintanceship with a degree of earnestness and attention and Your Highness has been pleased to grant me several interviews and reply either direct or through Private Secretary my telegraphic communications and letters on the occasion of Your Highness's birthday ceremonies and such other festivities. His Highness the Maharaja Gakewar and Her Highness the Maharanee of Baroda, His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore and His Highness the Maharajah of Cochin have invariably honoured me by paying visits to my humble abode and I am in constant communications with them. I greatly cherish

Subramania for Your Highness long life, glory and happiness and I beg to close this letter again imploring Your Highness pardon for encroaching on Your Highness valuable time.

I beg to subscribe

May it please Your Highness

Your Highness's obedient servant,

T. V. S. Lakshmipathi

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advantage by my enemies and he was actually made a catspaw. But it was not the will of the Providence and the Omniportant Judge interposed and did justice to a poor innocent victimised youth. In the eyes of God my house was honourably acquitted and the public estimation fared no less.

My astrologer predicted some time before the unfortunate incident in vague form that an unhappy accident of no small magnitude was destined to take place in my family and on that account my palace will be kept closed for six months and the inevitable ordained above has taken place, the honour of my family was however vindicated from any blemish or reproach by the same Inscrutable Providence. Your Highness is a

visible God in my estimate and I wish to ~~offer~~ appear to Your Highness in the same light as I did to God.

Many of my European friends sympathised with me in the hour of distress and heartily congratulated me the moment we came out successful from the ordeal. Our friendship is as fervent and cordial as before if not more. In December last, I was invited for the marriage of Miss.Goshen daughter of His Excellency the Governor of Madras and I was present for the function.

I know Your Highness's Private Secretary Sir. C. G. Todhunter from the time he was the Collector of the District. He is my friend. He has visited my palace more than once.

I am an ardent disciple and humble follower of His Holiness Sri Sankarachariar of Sringeri. The

previous Swamigi visited the sacred Bana Thirtham falls situated within my Zemindary and it is He who conferred on me the title of Thirthapathi which myself and my projenitors will bear with distinction and honour. The present Holiness was my guest for 3 days and he also visited the sacred falls.

I also enclose herein a short sketch of my life as published in the monthly Magazine " Feudatory and Zemindary India " for May 1927.

In fine, I submit that I encroached upon Your Highness valuable time in the recaptulation of the above facts with a view of guarding myself from any possible misrepresentation that may have been urged against me and my only prayer is that Your Highness will be pleased to give me a warm corner of Your Highness heart and treat me as usual.

I fervently pray my family Deity Sri Subra